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State of Texas

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. Michael J. Guarino  
Criminal District Attorney  
Galveston County  
405 County Courthouse  
Galveston, Texas 77550

OR93-537

Dear Mr. Guarino:

Galveston County (the "county"), through its tax assessor-collector's office, has received two requests from inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division ("TDCJ") for copies of "voter registration cards, forms, or information [that] would substantiate and verify voter eligibility and residency within Galveston County" for numerous persons. You indicate that all of these persons are employees of the TDCJ. You ask whether such information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act (the "act"), article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 21314.

We note that section 3(a)(17)(B) of the act excepts from required public disclosure:

the home addresses, home telephone numbers, or social security numbers of employees of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, or the home or employment addresses or telephone numbers or the names or social security numbers of their family members.

No action is necessary on the part of employees of the TDCJ and their families to obtain the protection of section 3(a)(17)(B). Accordingly, to the extent that such information is contained on the voter registration applications of known TDCJ employees or other such records held by the voter registrar, it must be withheld from required public disclosure under section 3(a)(17)(B) of the act. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact this office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Rebecca L. Payne", is written over the typed name.

Rebecca L. Payne  
Chief, Open Government Section  
Opinion Committee

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